



TWO FOR THE SHOW . . . Mrs. Meta C. Betts, instructor in cake decorating classes in the Adult Education program of Torrance High School, displays some of the fancy trimmings which is the product of her classes. Such handwork will be on display Tuesday evening in the high school cafeteria during the annual Adult Education open house.



A GENUINE WELCOME . . . Mrs. M. A. Twiss and her daughter, Joan, receive a genuine welcome to Torrance from Herald Carrier Leonard Lopez. A year's subscription to the Torrance Herald is being given to each home buyer by developers of the new January Co. tract at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw.



IN STARRING ROLES . . . Dorothy Creighton and Clinton Clark have leading roles in the forthcoming "The Lady from Paris," a story of Composer Peter Tschalkowsky. The show, a production of the South Bay Light Opera Assn., will be presented in April.

Adult Classes To Show Crafts In Open House

Work of students in adult education classes will be on display in the high school cafeteria Tuesday evening from 7:30 until 9. Making up the displays will be exhibits prepared by members of the classes studying techniques in cake decorating, leathercraft, lampshade making, and other hand skills. An annual affair, the open house will be highlighted by a style show presented by members of the dressmaking and tailoring classes. Cup cakes decorated by members of one of the classes will be given visitors to the open house along with punch and other refreshments. The program is being prepared under the direction of Vernon Sheblak, director of adult education for Torrance.

Aides Named In Red Cross Fund Drive

Appointment of A. E. Thompson, general manager of the General Petroleum Refinery, to aid up the Commerce and Industry section of the coming Red Cross fund drive was announced yesterday by J. Hugh Sherfy Jr., general chairman of the campaign. Sherfy also announced the appointments of Dick Barton to supervise the retail auto division; Mrs. Mel Hyde to head the small business and retail division; and Mrs. James Van Dyck to head the home campaign. George Post and Russ Eagan will act as coordinators for the campaign, Sherfy said.

Herald Subscriptions Given 131 Homeowners by January Co.

While it is not uncommon to find new homes which come equipped with automatic dishwashers, garbage disposal units, and washing machines, it is a little unusual to find an entire tract of 131 new homes which come equipped with a year's subscription to the community's local newspaper — in this case the Torrance Herald. The January Co., so far as the records show, made California journalistic history recently when they purchased a subscription to the Torrance Herald and presented one to each family buying one of the building firm's new homes. The tract, located near Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd., consists of 131 California three-bedroom bungalows. With the subscription went a letter signed by William H. Campbell, president of the January Co.; L. E. Williams, secretary; and William H. Tolson, local realtor through whom the sales were routed. Included with the letter to the new Torrance residents was an invitation for each family to attend any performance at the Stadium Theater, Gramercy and Cravens Ave., as guest of Jack Dabbs, general manager of the Stadium and four other theaters in the M. and M. Enterprise chain. In his letter to each new homeowner, Campbell said: "You know you will love your chosen community the better after you have lived in it and have had an opportunity to know it. With this thought in mind, we have subscribed to this paper for you. During the subscription period, you will learn about your community — its problems, advantages, goals, and get a better picture of its activities." John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn., stated that so far as he knew, this was the first time in the history of the state and perhaps the nation that a new home builder had supplied purchasers with a year's subscription to the community's newspaper. Concluding his letter to the 131 new Torrance residents, President Campbell wrote: "Thanks to the Long Beach Federal Savings, you own a home that may be paid off at any time without penalty. It is their aim to furnish low cost housing that is individual and that will reflect pride in ownership, which comes with having a plot of land to develop a house to furnish and decorate, and a community in which you may become an integral part."

Wage Report Deadline Near, Employers Warned

Midnight Monday, Feb. 2, is the deadline for filing unemployment insurance wage reports and contribution returns covering the fourth quarter of 1952. E. L. Funder, auditor in charge for the State Department of Employment, announced yesterday. "Normally, reports and returns would be delinquent if not filed and paid by Jan. 31," Funder said, "but inasmuch as Jan. 31 falls on Saturday, state law permits an extension of the period until the next working day, which is Monday, Feb. 2."

Clerks Union, Merchants Sign 1953-54 Pacts

Agreement has been reached on terms and conditions of the Mercantile Contract between Retail Clerks Local 905 AFL and retail merchants in the harbor area for 1953-54, Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Local 905, announced this week. Under the terms of the settlement, effective Feb. 3, all employees under the contract will receive an increase in wages of \$1 per week, the allowable sum under Wage Stabilization Board regulations. The contract settlement further provides that if controls on wages exercised by the federal government expire on April 30, 1953, the contract will be reopened on Aug. 1, 1953 for consideration of wages only. If controls are continued in effect, there will be no reopening. No other changes in the contract were made, the employers and union representatives said. The agreement will run to Feb. 1, 1954.

Optimists Break Ground for Boys Home Addition

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held recently at the Optimist Home for Boys, 6957 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles, for the final building in the master plan conceived in 1944. A \$100,000 administration building will replace the present structure, which has been condemned by fire and health authorities. Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz, honorary chairman of the Boys' Home Building Fund, broke ground with the assistance of Lem Holtz, co-chairman; superintendent of the Boys' Home, Warren Lee Braly; Boys' Home President Charles E. Bader; Roly P. Nall, immediate past president of Optimist International; and Oscar A. Smith, also past president. The new building to be erected is a project supported by the majority of the 90 clubs in District 14 of Optimist International, and will house additional personnel, boys' counselors and instructors, also the main dining room and kitchen, providing 7000 square feet of space. Forrest W. Myers, president of the Torrance Optimist Club, said the local service organization is an active contributor to the home and frequent visits by members of the club are encouraged. Several Torrance boys have lived in the home from time to time.

Three Torrance Women Capture Leading Roles in Light Opera

Three Torrance women captured leading roles in the forthcoming South Bay Light Opera Assn. production of "The Lady from Paris," to be staged at Redondo Union High School auditorium in April. While members of the association waited breathlessly, Melville H. Tully, director, read off the casting committee's selections at last Tuesday night's meeting. The key female role, "The Lady from Paris" herself, goes to Dorothy Creighton, 112 Vista del Parque, Hollywood Riviera. This will be Mrs. Creighton's debut in the field of the dramatic musicals. Donna Wolf Selected. Donna Wolf, 905 Faysmith Ave., will play the role of Natasha, while Gail Link, 1312 Cravens Ave., will do the part of the Gypsy and sing the famous "Balalaika Song." Many Torrance folk also will appear in the chorus of the show, which will portray a part of the life and music of Peter Tschalkowsky. The score will include themes from "The Nutcracker Suite," the several symphonies, "Swan Lake Ballet" and many others. Playing the leading role of Tschalkowsky will be Clinton Clark, a newcomer to Southern California who is now teaching voice at Lawndale. Acting ability and personality were the important factors in his selection, Tully said, for the part of Peter has but one song, Tschalkowsky's "None But the Lonely Heart." Others Represented. Other roles in the dramatic musical will be filled by performers from throughout the South Bay area, including Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles and Hermosa Beach. The production is a part of Redondo Adult Education and meets each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the music room of Redondo

High School. Newcomers are invited to the rehearsals. There are still openings in the orchestra for a bassoonist, an oboe player, second violinists, and a drummer, Tully said. Anyone interested may contact him at Frontier 2-3766.

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Traveler to Tell Rotarians of America's Alps

Torrance Rotary Club members will hear a description of one of the West's most colorful scenic areas at their Thursday session, to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Torrance Woman's club-house, 1422 Engracia Ave. Col. H. C. Anderson, traveling lecturer for Union Pacific Railroad, will describe for Rotarians "The Alps of America," the Grand Tetons and Jackson Hole country of Wyoming. Col. Anderson travel that area each summer with a battery of cameras and spends the rest of the year describing and showing its scenic grandeur. As a lecturer for Union Pacific, he visits nearly every state in the country, and, with radio and television appearances, talks to millions of people. Before joining the railroad, he was secretary-manager of the Wyoming Commerce and Industry Commission. Col. Anderson's formal education was at the University of Minnesota. He spent seven years in military service with 65th Division and was elected president of the Division Association. He is now a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

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About 4.5 million United States homes have oil burners.

College Offers 10 Scholarships

Chapman College will hold competitive scholarship examinations for ten academic scholarships on Feb. 14. These awards range in value from \$75.00 to \$400.00, and will be granted to high school seniors and junior college students. Other scholarships include the Virginia Linn Clifton Scholarship of \$210.00, open to freshmen who plan to major in music; two \$210.00 scholarships offered yearly by the Women's Campus Club of Chapman College; and a number of scholarship grants from churches, organizations and individuals. Applications and inquiries for information must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee on or before Feb. 7. Application forms may be obtained by writing to the Director of Student Development, Chapman College, 768 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 29, California.

Retired Pastor Dies, Rites Set

Final rites will be held tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock, at L. R. Rice Mortuary in Maywood for Stephan C. Whitman, 2723 Andreo Ave., a seventy-year resident of Torrance who died Friday in Los Angeles. Following the services, to be conducted by the Rev. Floyd McClung, interment will take place at Loma Vista Cemetery near Fullerton. The deceased, a retired minister, is survived by his wife, Mary Whitman; six sons, Joel, James, David, Paul, Andrew and Silas Whitman; and a daughter, Ruth Whitman. He also leaves 13 grandchildren.

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Holidays in Hong Kong

While serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles, Billy J. Kirkham, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Kirkham of 18546 Ashley Ave., spent the Christmas holidays in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong during a goodwill visit. The cruiser was taking time off from the Korean conflict, where its heavy guns have been supporting UN forces on the eastern coast.

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